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The 'Devil's Pulpit' on Monument Mountain in its early years as a Trustees reservation.

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Celebrating 100 Years as Stewards of Monument Mountain

On October 19, 1899, Miss Helen Butler protected one of the great landmarks of Berkshire County by donating 256 acres of Monument Mountain to The Trustees of Reservations. This gift, in memory of her sister, Miss Rosalie Butler, was rooted in a personal vision that Monument Mountain should—and, with the help of The Trustees, would—be preserved for “the people of Berkshire as a place of free enjoyment for all time.”

For over 20,000 hikers each year, ascending the 1,642-foot summit of Squaw Peak, Monument Mountain's highest elevation, is an annual rite. Its views north to Mount Greylock and south over the pale quartzite and schist crags of the ‘Devil's Pulpit’ are spectacular (*see photo above*).

Monument Mountain's cultural history is as fascinating as its natural history. Best known is the well-chronicled picnic hike on August 5, 1850 of two literary giants, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville. In Salem, Hawthorne had just finished writing the *Scarlet Letter* and felt the Berkshires would give his family a much-needed change of scenery. Melville, living in Pittsfield, was contemplating writing a book about a giant white whale. Each knew the other by reputation only. They were brought together by David Dudley Field and Evert Duyckinck, who planned the historic picnic hike for several luminaries, including Oliver Wendell Holmes. During the hike, Hawthorne and Melville were forced to seek refuge in

a cave during a two-hour thunderstorm. There, a lengthy and vigorous discussion ensued, energizing Melville's spirits and inspiring powerful ideas for his book. When *Moby Dick* was completed, he decided to dedicate it to Hawthorne.

William Cullen Bryant's ten-year sojourn in Great Barrington (1815-1825) had already given impetus to Monument Mountain's literary legacy. Penning his lyrical poem, *Monument Mountain*, he tells the legend (of which there are several) of a Mohican Indian maiden whose forbidden love for her cousin leads her to leap to her death, with guilt and despair, from the Mountain's high cliffs. Ever after, Mohicans placed rocks on the spot where she lay buried, creating a rock cairn, or heap of stones placed as a landmark or memorial. This cairn gives the Mountain its name—‘Mountain of the Monument.’

Today, The Trustees of Reservations protects 503 acres of Monument Mountain, nearly double the size of the reservation when it was first established. This is due, in large part, to the people of Great Barrington who, in 1985, joined together to help The Trustees oppose a 200-unit condominium development on the west side of the mountain. Catalyzed by the worthiness of the cause, the community raised the funds to purchase the land from the developer. Among those integral to the success of the campaign was Stephen Root, who, in

Thoughts from the Executive Director...



Fiscal year 1998/99 has ended on a very high note, with membership breaking the 20,000 mark for the first time in the history of the organization. This is a remarkable achievement, coming as it did nearly two years ahead of the scheduled goal.

At about the same time we were trumpeting this great news at Trustees Headquarters, a less happy report relating to The Trustees was circulating in the

Boston Globe. Apparently, early one spring-like morning, two unleashed dogs got into a fight in the parking area of one of our reservations. According to the newspaper, the 50 year-old male owner of one dog and the 55 year-old female owner of the other had words which led to an altercation, resulting in his arrest and her admission to a local hospital. The dogs were fine. Not to make light of what is a very disturbing occurrence, I was reminded of the inscription on a door mat my brother recently gave my mother. It reads: BEWARE OF DOG...Owner.

The more serious point for us at The Trustees is that, with the surging growth of suburbia—rising populations and intensifying development pressures on open space—more and more people are using the reservations. We estimate over a million visitors in the last year. At the same time, our job as managers is becoming more and more difficult. These reservations are held in trust so that everyone may use and enjoy them. They are enjoyed by a variety of users, from hikers and joggers to birders, bicycle riders, picnickers, horseback riders and, of course, dog walkers. We take great pride in knowing that the special qualities of these landscapes—and the numerous opportunities they provide—amount to an enhanced quality of life for so many people.

However, balanced with this ideal is the reality that a wide range of use brings intrinsic conflicts. Unfortunately, all too often, regulations offer the only reasonable means of resolving user conflicts. We are well aware that, despite strong overall membership growth, some members chose not to renew their membership this past year because of dog leashing regulations at certain reservations. At present, dogs are prohibited at 21 of our 82 reservations and they

must be kept on a leash at another 29. As a lifelong dog owner, I am concerned that the number of reservations without any restrictions on dog walking may diminish in the years ahead.

Charles Eliot's mandate to us was to preserve these special places for "public use and enjoyment." The challenge for us at The Trustees is to protect, not just land, but the quality of the visitor experience. As we faithfully champion the "public use" portion of our mission, we are finding it tougher and tougher to fulfill the "enjoyment" part. Increasingly, we have come to depend upon our visitors to promote a spirit of fellowship when "sharing" these landscapes with others. For instance, we continue to implore dog walkers to keep their dogs under control and to make an extra effort to be especially considerate and courteous to those who may be uncomfortable around dogs. We are making parallel efforts to raise awareness of these sensitivities among mountain bikers and horseback riders. With a bit of give and take, we can all enjoy these special places.

In a more formal context, The Trustees hopes to find additional answers. We are about to embark upon an exciting initiative arising from our *Trustees 2000 Strategic Plan*. A group of staff and volunteers has just formed a 'Task Force on Visitor Experience' with the charge of examining all factors affecting the quality of the visitor experience and making recommendations to our board pertaining to management principles, policies, and practices. The task force will conclude its work around this time next year.

Through these important planning efforts and the ongoing cooperation of all of our visitors, I am confident we can succeed in effectively managing our reservations for a growing number of visitors with an expanding range of interests.

Frederic Winthrop
Executive Director

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Founded in 1891, The Trustees of Reservations is a member-supported nonprofit conservation organization which preserves, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts and works to protect special places across the state. Today, The Trustees owns, manages, and interprets 82 reservations totaling over 21,300 acres of land, and protects more than 11,700 acres through the use of conservation restrictions on 172 parcels of private land. The Trustees of Reservations is not an agency of state government. We rely for support entirely upon membership dues, contributions, grants, reservation receipts, special events, and endowments.

For information about becoming a member or to request a change of address, please contact the Membership Office at 978/524-1858, write to us at the address to the left, or email us at ttormemb@ttor.org.

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Monument Mountain...

continued from front cover



Peter Jensen describes stone step-building project his company undertook at Monument Mountain.

order to save the mountain, sold his orchard to The Trustees at a fraction of its market value rather than sell it to a developer. We continue to work with adjacent landowners, advising them of conservation options so they, too, may participate in protecting this special place.

Visitors during our centennial year will enjoy a reconstructed trail from Inscription Rock to the summit (*see photo above*). In addition, a new trail leading down the southern ridge to the west side of the Mountain will be completed this summer, affording hikers a different exposure of the mountain, including dramatic rock cliffs and mature hardwood forest. Both projects owe a debt of thanks to the Fields Pond Foundation, The Rush Taggart Fund, and the Department of Environmental Management for trail grants and to Peter Jensen of Openspace Management, Inc. of Great Barrington and Trustees Superintendent Gordon Clark. ☞



Field Managers from across the state gathered around 'Inscription Rock' at Monument Mountain this past April.

COLLECTIONS

New Additions to Tool and Implements Collection at The Colonel John Ashley House

Long-time Trustees supporter, Morgan Bulkeley, recently donated to the Colonel John Ashley House in Sheffield over forty 18th and 19th century tools and household objects. They will augment the house's growing collection of farm, blacksmith, and carpentry implements which Morgan has given to The Trustees since we acquired the property in 1970.



Morgan Bulkeley seated with goose leader, which is operated by closing the end around a goose's neck. The farmer then would lead the honking goose into the barn at night with the rest of the gaggle following!

The collection is one of the finest of its kind in Massachusetts. Morgan found many objects in local barns and farmhouses, thus capturing some of the history of local working landscapes during the 18th and 19th centuries. A series of shoulder yokes—sized from child to adult—exhibit the various forms of this once-common implement for carrying buckets. Broad axes and adzes in the collection were once used to shape area timber-frame buildings.

The Colonel John Ashley House is the oldest house in Berkshire county and contains an outstanding collection of colonial and American furniture, ceramics, and textiles. ☞

TAKE A DAY TRIP! Visit both The Colonel John Ashley House (tours Memorial Day to Columbus Day, Sat, Sun and Mon holidays, 1-5 P.M.) and adjacent Bartholomew's Cobble (open daily, year-round). See pages 18-20 of your *Property Guide* for further information and travel directions or contact Mark Baer at 413/298-3239, email westregion@ttor.org.

A Reason to Celebrate!

To celebrate Monument Mountain's centennial with The Trustees, a special event will be held on Saturday, September 25, 1999. Other centennial events will be held from August to October. Look for more information in the next issue of *Special Places* or contact Janet Boyer at 413/298-3239, email westregion@ttor.org.



At the top of Squaw Peak, Executive Director Fred Winthrop (R) and Western Regional Director Steve McMahon (L) make a (non-alcoholic!) toast to 100 years of conserving Monument Mountain.

LAND CONSERVATION

News From Around the State

Weir River Farm to Open Late 1999

Set on a gently rising drumlin above the Weir River in Hingham, the 75-acre Weir River Farm was once part of a picturesque, early twentieth-century country estate containing 15 acres of hay fields, almost 60 acres of managed woodlands, two residences, a large storage barn, a handsome carriage house, and a small animal barn. On a clear day, one can view a seascape from Boston Harbor to Massachusetts Bay and Cape Ann in the distance. Through the extraordinary



Weir River Farm, Hingham

generosity of Polly Thayer Starr, whose parents assembled the property in the 1920s and built a summer home there in 1929, Weir River Farm will become our 82nd reservation. Under the terms of a management agreement, Weir River Farm has served as the office and maintenance facility of the South Shore and Cape Cod Management Unit since 1993. It abuts Whitney & Thayer Woods as well as Turkey Hill, thus forming close to 900 acres of protected open space in Hingham and Cohasset. Preparations are underway for opening this new reservation by year's end. Look for further information in the summer or fall issues of *Special Places*. ☘

Conservation Count!

		Acreage Protected
Land Owned:	82 Reservations	21,376
Land Under CR:	172 Parcels	11,717
		33,093

(As of 04.15.99)

Land Donation Boosts Peaked Mountain Preservation Campaign

Efforts to preserve Peaked Mountain in Monson (see cover story, Fall 1998 issue of *Special Places*) received a major boost in March with the donation of 55 acres of land from the Miller family, former residents of Monson. The property was donated to the Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust (MLCT), The Trustees' subsidiary that acquires property on a temporary basis until permanent conservation arrangements, such as raising adequate endowment, can be made. Last fall, MLCT purchased from the family an abutting 60-acre parcel that was on the market, including a 17-acre pond and wetlands.

"My parents acquired this land back in the early '40s," explains John Miller of Winchester, MA., who, together with siblings Diana Miller, James Miller, and Elizabeth Tutchings, donated the property. "Our family spent many wonderful vacations at our house across the street, and I

have fond memories of these woods and streams. We wanted to do something so that others could enjoy them in the future."

If we can reach our \$375,000 fundraising goal, MLCT will transfer these 115 acres to The Trustees, and landowners Len and Roslyn Harrington and Dick Elliott will donate 148 acres to form the core of a new reservation at Peaked Mountain. Our Monson Steering Committee is hard at work; the first \$100,000 has been raised, and a major fund drive among Trustees' members and others in the Greater Springfield area is planned for the spring.

You can help by making a tax-deductible donation payable to The Trustees of Reservations and mailing it to the Peaked Mountain Preservation Fund, c/o Monson Savings Bank, 146 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057. If you would like to volunteer to help, call Ginny Slack at 978/524-1863 or email her at landcons@ttor.org. ☘



Lunden/Miller Pond at the base of Peaked Mountain.

Landscape Collection Plan Nears Completion

The Landscape Collection Plan is nearing completion thanks, in large part, to the many volunteers and staff who so generously contributed their time and ideas to its creation. In late June, at locations across the state, we will hold a series of regional launches announcing the Plan's overall vision with accompanying strategies for future land protection in the Commonwealth. An internal implementation strategy will be developed by fall, at which time specific grassroots land protection projects will begin. The priorities and directions provided by the Plan will focus The Trustees and our various collaborators—both private and public—on the most critical land protection needs within the Commonwealth. ☘

LTA Reports Dramatic Growth in Land Trusts

The Land Trust Alliance, a Washington, DC-based coalition of private land trusts, recently announced that, over the past ten years, the number of local and regional land trusts operating in the US, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands has increased from 743 to over 1,200, and the land protected by these groups has risen from 2 million to some 4.7 million acres.

These figures testify to the growing popularity and strength of the private land trust movement. In Massachusetts alone, there are over 135 private land trusts—more than any other state in the nation. Even more remarkable is the fact that, while Massachusetts is the 6th smallest state in the nation, the amount of land owned by land trusts and government agencies represents the 6th highest total in the nation, or over 150,000 acres (not including conservation restrictions).

Clearly, there is a great deal of momentum for land conservation as we approach the new millennium. However, as land conservation challenges become more urgent and land protection deals more complex, we will need to continue to harness the power of collaborative partnerships with this growing network of land trusts. ♣

ANNUAL SUPPORT

1998 Annual Giving and Membership Programs Set New Records

For the third straight year since the completion of the *Trustees 2000 Strategic Plan*, we have met our combined Annual Giving and Membership goal, this year of \$2.5 million. Our thanks to each and every one of you—members and donors alike—for your tremendous generosity. As we go to press, audited figures for the year are not yet available, but they will be published in the fall issue of *Special Places*.

Our two Giving Societies—*The Charles Eliot Society* and *The 1891 Society*—continue to provide outstanding leadership in annual support. Thanks go, once again, to Harry Guild, founding Chair of *The Charles Eliot Society*, and to Caroline Standley and Jonathan Loring, co-Chairs of *The 1891 Society*, for their hard work and leadership in securing contributions totaling more than \$1 million.

Heart-felt thanks also go to members of the Giving Societies, Development Committee, Standing Committee, and Advisory Council who spent many evenings and weekends contacting supporters to urge their continued support as well as encouraging new members to join. Without your devoted efforts, this year's success would not have been possible.

To everyone on our regional and property committees who worked to build membership in their local communities, to our Membership Office volunteers at Headquarters, and to our numerous volunteers in the field who helped to sign up members at events and activities, a very big thank you as well! We truly depend upon the local support you are able to generate for our mission.

And, finally, a huge thank you to all of our new and renewing members as well as all donors to our Annual Appeal. Your generosity is what makes it all possible! ♣

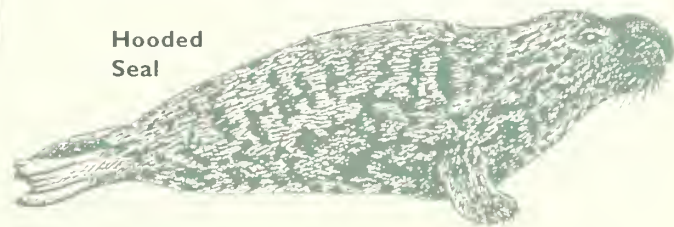
WILDLIFE

Hooded Seal Unveils Herself at Crane Beach in Ipswich

In January, Northeast Regional Ecologist Wayne Castonguay wrote this report for The Trustees' employee circular:

"Got a call Wednesday evening at home from a frantic visitor claiming there was a seal on Crane Beach 'with an antennae sticking out of its back.' We checked it out, and, sure enough, a seal was lying on the beach with an antennae sticking out of its back. Actually, epoxied to its coat was a radio transmitter used in tracking studies. In addition, it did not appear to be one of the species of seals we usually encounter at Crane Beach.

After making some phone calls, it turned out we had quite a celebrity on our 'sands.' Apparently, this two year-old juvenile female was stranded in southern New Jersey last summer. After a long recovery in the



New Jersey Aquarium, she was named 'Jersey' and released near Atlantic City last October with a transmitter. Because she was a Hooded Seal, a far northern species usually associated with pack ice, researchers hoped to learn more about her migration pattern and why she was so far 'off course,' among other things. In addition, a web site was set up so that school kids from around the country could follow her every move.

After her release, she quickly swam up the coast to Newfoundland in time for a Thanksgiving feast on herring. She then turned around and spent Christmas off Nova Scotia before feeding in the Gulf of Maine. Apparently, feeding was so good, she decided a rest at Crane Beach was in order. Because of her celebrity status, all the 'seal people' were ready to descend upon us to catch a glimpse. Jersey must have caught wind (or current?) of this and left just before the crowd could arrive. Satellite positioning had her 100 miles off Cape Ann feeding at depths of over 300 feet just one day after leaving Crane Beach!

It seems, for some reason, that northern seal species are increasingly moving south during the winter. One theory is that a strengthening of the cold Labrador Current, which controls our local water temperature (due to melting of northern glaciers and the polar ice cap), may be the cause. What's next, polar bears?"

For an update, log onto Jersey's web site at <http://www.whale.wheelock.edu>. ♣

RECREATION

Undiscovered Destinations for Canoe and Kayak Enthusiasts

Canoeing and kayaking enthusiasts will enjoy paddling these three great Trustees properties:

Goose Pond, Lee

Paddle across Lower Goose Pond and enjoy this mountain lake and its surrounding forest, a large part of which is managed by the National Park Service and crossed by the famous Appalachian Trail. The 112-acre Goose Pond Reservation is located on the far northern shore of Lower Goose Pond, protecting over 1/4 mile of frontage and rising nearly 300 feet to a peak at 1,753 feet. It is managed by The Trustees as a wilderness area and has no trails.

Goose Pond, Lee.



How to get there: Take Exit 2 off the Mass Pike onto Route 20 east. Proceed .8 mile and turn right onto Forest Street. Proceed 1.3 miles to Goose Pond

Road. Public boat ramp is .1 mile on right at southern end of Lower Goose Pond.

Coddings Meadow at Lawrence Brook, near Doane's Falls, Royalston

Coddings Meadow, on the shore of Lawrence Brook, is a little-known, 14-acre parcel of conservation land associated with our reservation at Doane's Falls. Lawrence Brook feeds into Tully Lake via Doane's Falls and offers a virtually undiscovered destination for canoeing and kayaking. Its quiet, narrow waters—sporadically dotted with beaver dams—twist and turn through narrow ravines and into wide red maple swamps.



How to get there: From intersection of Routes 2A and 32 in Athol, cross the Millers River Bridge and bear right onto Chestnut Hill Road (becomes Athol Road) traveling north towards Royalston. Proceed

4 miles. Immediately before you reach the bridge over Doane's Falls, park on right side of the street. On your right, look for a gated woods road which leads to Coddings Meadow. The gate is open to four-wheel drive vehicles on selected weekends in the season (call 508/840-4446 for details). Most of the time, however, you will have to portage approximately 1/2 mile and put in. Paddle upstream. **Do not paddle downstream over Doane's Falls!**



Coddings Meadow at Lawrence Brook, near Doane's Falls, Royalston.

Great and Little Misery Islands, Salem Bay

Sea kayakers will enjoy paddling around Great and Little Misery Islands. The islands offer three quiet stony beaches, sheltered coves, and lots of rocky shoreline. Off Little Misery, you will find the skeletal remains of the steamship, *The City of Rockland*, wrecked off the coast of Maine and scuttled here



Great Misery Island, Salem Bay.

many years ago. Go ashore for a picnic and look for the few remains of an early 20th-century summer colony which boasted a 9-hole golf course, clubhouse, and 26 rustic cottages.

How to get there: Take Exit 16 off Route 128. Go south into Manchester-by-the-Sea. Either arrange to be dropped off or park for two hours (free) at Masconomo Park on Beach St. Alternatively, park all day (approx. \$10) in MBTA parking lot at the train station. Put in at the harbor from Masconomo Park and paddle directly out to Great and Little Misery Islands about 2 1/2 miles away.



C A L E N D A R

A Listing of Updated and Newly Scheduled Summer Events

CENTRAL REGION

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 2, 9, 16

How Did Their Gardens Grow?

The Old Manse, Concord 978/369-3909

This 3-part series looks at the gardens of A. Bronson Alcott, William Emerson, and Nathaniel Hawthorne. Call for details.

SUN, JUNE 20 – 1 to 5 P.M. (Tours on the hour)

The House that William Built: An Old Manse Father's Day

The Old Manse, Concord 978/369-3909

Bring your Dad to The Old Manse to learn how the house was built and has changed since 1770. Each father will receive a surprise gift. Members: \$10 per family (up to 4 people). Non-members: \$20 per family (up to 4 people).

SAT, JUL 24 & SUN, JUL 25

When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again:

The Old Manse and the Civil War

The Old Manse, Concord 978/369-3909

Join us in celebrating the life of Ezra Ripley II, who marched off to war in 1861. A re-enactment of his arrival in Concord with his B Company of Massachusetts volunteers will take place. There will be a Civil War encampment in our north field, along with other activities, food, and fun. Call for more details.

ISLANDS REGION

The following tours are offered on Martha's Vineyard, Memorial Day through Columbus Day weekend.

Lighthouse Tour – 10 A.M. & 1 P.M.

Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/627-3599

Travel by oversand vehicle to the historic and remote Cape Poge Lighthouse. Learn its fascinating history and the stories of its keepers. Adult: \$12. Child (15 & under): \$6.

Natural History Tour – 8:30 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/627-3599

Travel by oversand vehicle across Chappaquiddick to Cape Poge Lighthouse on this 2½ hour tour. Learn about rare shorebirds, hawks, and beach wildflowers while seeing hundreds of migrating shorebirds. Photograph herons, egrets or American Oystercatchers. Members: adult \$27, child (15 & under) \$15. Non-members: adult \$30, child \$15.

Wildlife Canoe Tour – 8:30 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Wasque, Martha's Vineyard 508/627-3599

Paddle Chappaquiddick's Poucha Pond by canoe and explore the Island's largest expanse of tidewater on this 2½ hour tour. Members: Adult \$27, child (15 & under) \$15. Non-members: adult \$30, child (15 & under) \$15.

Fishing Discovery Tour – 8:30 A.M. & 1:30 P.M.

Wasque & Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/627-3599

Travel by oversand vehicle to the legendary fishing beaches

of Wasque Point and Cape Poge on this 4 hour tour. Our fishing guide will teach you to read the waters and surf fish and will also talk about the birds that migrate here to nest and raise their young. Members only: adult \$50, child (15 & under) \$25.

JUNE through SEPTEMBER – Daily, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Poucha Pond Self-Guided Discovery Tour

Wasque, Martha's Vineyard 508/627-3599

Paddle Poucha Pond by canoe or kayak. Become your own naturalist by following a map highlighting such points of interest as the grasslands restoration project at Wasque, beautiful salt marshes, and osprey nests. Members only: \$25 per canoe/kayak for 4 hours or \$35 for 8 hours.

JUNE 15 through SEPTEMBER 5

Wednesday – Sunday, 8:30 A.M. & 3 P.M.

Long Point Wildlife Tour

Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7392

Canoe Tisbury Great Pond while learning about local ecology, Long Point's natural history, and basic canoe techniques. Enjoy the Refuge's spectacular sandplains while observing marine life and shorebirds. Members: adult \$27, child (15 & under) \$15. Non-members: adult \$30, child \$15.

MAY through OCTOBER

Monday – Friday, 9:30 A.M. & 2:30 P.M.

Great Point Natural History Tours

Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge, Nantucket 508/228-6799

Take in the wild panorama at the tip of Nantucket's longest barrier beach. Travel by oversand vehicle to the Great Point Lighthouse and observe migrant and nesting shorebirds. Enjoy Coskata's vast saltmarsh and heathlands, the red cedar forest, and beach wildflowers. Members: adult \$27, child (15 & under) \$15. Non-members: adult \$30, child \$15.

NORTHEAST REGION

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Long Hill Horticultural Lecture and Workshop Series

Long Hill, Beverly 978/921-1944

Lectures and workshops begin at 10 A.M. with refreshments served from 9:30 A.M. Please call for details and registration.

Tues, June 8	Discovering New Plants: The Best of the Newest for Your Garden
Tues, June 22	Trough Planting Workshop
Tues, Aug 10	Trough Making Workshop

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Misery Islands Tours

Misery Islands, Salem Bay

Misery Islands offer a haven for relaxation and picnics. Daily passenger service offered by Sun Line Boat Cruises and Charters from the pier at Salem Willows Park in Salem. Call 978/741-1900 for a schedule of trips and to make reservations. Members: adult \$10, child \$7.50. Non-members: adult \$12, child \$8. Reservations are recommended.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER – Daily, 10 A.M. & 2 P.M.

Crane Islands Tours

Crane Wildlife Refuge, Ipswich & Essex

Experience the beauty and tranquility of the 680-acre Crane Wildlife Refuge on this 1½ hour boat and tractor-drawn wagon tour. For reservations, call 978/356-4351 from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday. Members: adult \$10, child (under 12) \$3. Non-members: adult \$12, child (under 12) \$5. Reservations recommended.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. (Tours on the hour)

Great House Guided Tours

The Great House, Castle Hill, Ipswich 978/356-4351

Tour the 59-room Stuart-style mansion featuring the library with 17th-century wood carvings by Grinling Gibbons, entire rooms shipped piece-by-piece from England, and luxurious bathrooms with Italian marble and sterling silver fixtures manufactured by the Crane Company. Members: FREE. Non-members: adult \$7, child (12 & under) and senior \$5. Tickets available only at the gate.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Great House Teas & Tours – seatings at 2 P.M. & 4 P.M.

The Great House, Castle Hill, Ipswich 978/356-4351

May 26 & 27 *Hats Off to Spring*

June 16 & 17 *Queens and Roses*

July 14 & 15 *Vive La France*

Aug 18 & 19 *An Illyrian Tea*

Take tea, catered by Capers Catering, in the formal dining room at The Great House. Each tea follows a theme and tempts with a delicious array of treats. A guided house tour, one hour before seating, is included. Members: \$14. Non-members: \$16. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Tables seat up to 5 guests (combining parties may be necessary to utilize available space).

SUN, JUNE 20 (Father's Day) – 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Family Fun Day at Appleton Farms

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978/356-4755

Bring your family and friends for a day of fun on the farm. It's Father's Day, the Summer Solstice, and Appleton Farm's first Open House (Farm)! Fun for all ages with hayrides, barnyard animals, farming demonstrations, tours of the farm, nature walks, music, dancing, food, and so much more!

TUESDAYS IN JULY – 10 A.M.

Guided Tours of House and Gardens at Long Hill

Long Hill, Beverly 978/921-1944

Tours of the house and gardens at Long Hill are offered every Tuesday morning throughout July. Reservations not necessary. Members: adult \$4, child free. Non-members: adult \$6, child free.

SUN, JULY 4 – 5 P.M.

(Raindate: MON, JULY 5)

Independence Day Celebration

Castle Hill, Ipswich 978/356-4351

All new Independence Day celebration! This year will feature a patriotic family pops concert performed by the *Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra*. The evening will begin with the Dixieland sounds of *Made in the Shade*. Kids will love our family activities, including free pony rides, a funny juggler, sand art, and face painting. The evening will end with an all-new,

spectacular fireworks display by the nationally renowned fireworks family, Zambelli, at the end of the Grand Allee overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Advance tickets available by calling Castle Hill or at the gate on day of event. Members: adult \$8, child \$4. Non-members: adult \$10, child (12 & under) \$5. Tickets available at the gate or by reservation.

THURS, JUL 8 through THURS, AUG 26 – 7 to 8:30 P.M.

Castle Hill Thursday Night Picnic Concerts

Castle Hill, Ipswich 978/356-4351

Pack a picnic dinner to enjoy on The Grand Allee while listening to performances by regional musicians. In case of rain, concerts will be held in the Concert Barn. Admission: \$8 per car.

July 8 *The Mighty Charge (Reggae)*

July 15 *Boston Rock-A-Billy Music Conspiracy (Rock-a-billy)*

July 22 *Orville Giddings (Boogie Blues)*

July 29 *The Ipswich Community Band & Jazz Band (Jazz and Marches)*

Aug 5 *Bluesworks (Blues)*

Aug 12 *Milton Gospel Choir & Boston Community Choir (Gospel)*

Aug 19 *The Darlings (Country Rock)*

Aug 26 *'60s Invasion (Classics from the 1960s)*

FRI, AUG 6 & SAT, AUG 7 – 7 P.M.

Shakespeare at Castle Hill – The Taming of the Shrew

Castle Hill, Ipswich 978/356-4351

The New Hampshire Shakespeare Festival brings Shakespeare's tumultuous comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew*, to Castle Hill. Plan a picnic dinner to enjoy in the Tower Garden before the performance (garden opens for picnicking at 5 P.M.). Tickets available at the gate or by calling Castle Hill. Seating is limited. Performances will be held rain or shine in the Concert Barn. Adult: \$4. Child (12 & under) or senior: \$2.

SAT, AUG 21 – 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Crane Beach SandBlast! The 20th-Century in Review

Crane Beach, Ipswich 978/356-4351

Enjoy the sun, surf, and sand(sculptures) at the annual Crane Beach sand sculpture competition. This year's theme is "The 20th-Century in Review." Sandscapes will recreate highlights of the century. Building begins at 8 A.M.; awards are presented at 4 P.M. Categories: Master Builders, Family, Adults, Teens, Kids, and, new this year, Business/Corporate (put your company's teamwork skills to the test!). Advance Registration: members \$8/group; non-members \$15/group. Same Day Registration: members \$13/group; non-members \$20/group. Registration includes parking for one car and one sandscape permit. *Spectators welcome at regular admission.*

SUN, SEPT 19 – 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Concours d'Elegance

Castle Hill, Ipswich 978/356-4351

At this 5th annual event organized by the Vintage Sports Car Club of America and sponsored by BMW, the Grand Allee will be lined with pre-World War II American and European cars and significant pre-1959 sports and racing cars. *The Blue Horizon Jazz Band* will provide entertainment, and tours of The Great House will be offered. Tickets available day of event or by calling Castle Hill. Additional parking this year will help alleviate traffic and long ticket lines. Adult: \$20. Child (12 & under): \$10.

SOUTHEAST REGION

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

TUESDAYS – 8:30 A.M.

Informal Walking Group

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Meet at the Ranger Station and head out for a walk across World's End. Meet old and new friends while getting your exercise and having fun! Members & children: FREE.

Non-members: \$4.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

SATURDAYS – 7 A.M.

Informal Bird Walks

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Join other interested birdwatchers for a walk around World's End. Meet at the Ranger Station. Members & children (6-12): FREE. Non-members: adult \$4.

SAT, JUNE 5 – 9 A.M.

Whitney & Thayer Woods and Turkey Hill Walk

Whitney & Thayer Woods, Cohasset 781/821-2977

Two local volunteers will lead this informal orientation walk through Whitney & Thayer Woods to the top of Turkey Hill in Hingham. Learn how to use the trail map to navigate your way around this 800-acre property. Bring your binoculars to enjoy the spectacular view of the surrounding countryside, ocean, and Boston skyline. Meet at the Whitney & Thayer Woods parking lot on Rt. 3A (Sohier Street). FREE to all.

SAT, JUNE 12 – 3 to 5 P.M.

Geology of World's End

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Local geologist Richard Staley leads this exploration of the Rocky Neck area hoping to discover evidence of sediments and volcanics laid down at the end of Pre-Cambrian era, when this region was still part of North Africa! Sturdy, over-the-ankle boots are recommended. Meet at the Ranger Station. Members and children (6-12): FREE. Non-members: adult \$4.

SAT, JUNE 19 – 9 to 11 A.M.

World's End Through a Child's Eyes

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

After their year-long project, "Global Awareness Through Oceanography," elementary school students from Hingham Foster School and teachers, Tasha Allen and Betsy Connolly, share information on the diverse ecosystems at World's End. This project was supported by The Trustees and funded by a grant from The Hingham Education Foundation. Members and children (6-12): FREE. Non-members: adult \$4.

SAT, JUNE 21 – 6 to 8 P.M.

Summer Solstice Celebration

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Bring family, friends, and a picnic supper to celebrate the summer solstice with entertainment by the popular Ecuadorian group, *Yarina*. No advance registration required. Members: adult \$5, child (12 & under) FREE. Non-members: adult \$7, child (12 & under) FREE.

SAT, JULY 10 – 9 A.M.

Tree Identification Walk

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Ranger Ryland Rogers will lead a walk along the trails at World's End and point out the many species of trees planted in accordance with the design of famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. Meet at the Ranger Station. Members and children (6-12): FREE. Non-members: adult \$4.

SAT, JULY 17 – 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

"Paint the Town Plein-Air"

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

In the afternoon, observe New England artists painting the beautiful World's End landscape, and, that evening, view their finished work at a wine and cheese reception at The Christopher Gallery in Cohasset. *Plein-air* is used to describe paintings done outdoors. A portion of the painting sales will be donated to The Trustees. Members and all children: FREE. Non-members: adult \$4. Gallery admission: FREE. This event will be held rain or shine.

JULY through AUGUST

Interpretive Nature Tours

Lowell Holly, Mashpee & Sandwich;

Mashpee River, Mashpee 781/740-7233

The following tours are jointly sponsored by The Trustees and the Mashpee Conservation Commission. For more information, call the Commission at 508/539-1400, x540.

All tours begin at 9 A.M.

Sun, July 4	Lowell Holly Natural History Tour
Tues, July 6	Mashpee River Walking Tour
Tues, July 13	Lowell Holly Children's Discovery Hike
Thurs, July 15	Mashpee River Natural/Cultural History Tour
Sat, July 17	Mashpee River Family Nature Fun
Mon, July 19	Lowell Holly Animal Hunt
Sat, July 24	Lowell Holly Forest Discovery Hike
Tues, July 27	Mashpee River Insect/Plant Relationships
Thurs, July 29	Lowell Holly Natural/Cultural History Tour
Thurs, Aug 5	Mashpee River Animal Tracking
Thurs, Aug 7	Mashpee River Watershed Walk
Tues, Aug 10	Lowell Holly Nature Scavenger Hunt
Mon, Aug 16	Mashpee River Creature Feature
Thurs, Aug 19	Lowell Holly Animal Homes Hunt
Wed, Aug 25	Mashpee River Wild Foods Lore
Fri, Aug 27	Lowell Holly Adventure

SAT, AUGUST 14 – 10 A.M. to Noon

Butterfly Walk

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Brian Cassie, Director of Education for the North American Butterfly Association and the Summer Nature Program Director at Thayer Academy, will lead visitors on a walk in search of the many species of butterflies found throughout the summer. Bring binoculars and expect to see swallowtails, Wood Nymphs, Question Marks, Monarchs, and other species that are attracted by the beautiful asters and goldenrod. Meet at the Ranger Station. No advance registration required. No nets or dogs, please! Members and children (6-12): FREE. Non-members: adult \$4. Raindate: August 15.

WESTERN REGION

SAT, JUNE 19 - 10 A.M.

Butterfly Walk at Mountain Meadow Preserve

Mountain Meadow Preserve, Williamstown 413/458-3135

Naturalist Pam Weatherbee will lead a butterfly walk at The Trustees' newest reservation. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing. FREE to all.

SUN, JUNE 27 & SUN, AUG 15 - 1 to 2 P.M.

Dinosaur Myth and Science

Dinosaur Footprints, Holyoke 413/684-0148

Join us for a guided tour of our most prehistoric reservation. The program, geared toward younger visitors, will explore the myth and science surrounding our fascination with dinosaurs and their world, especially the ones that left their tracks here. Meet at the Rte. 5 turnout at reservation. FREE to all.

FRI, JULY 23 - 6 to 11 P.M.

An Evening at Naumkeag

Naumkeag, Stockbridge 413/298-3239

Our festive, annual summer Garden Party this year celebrates 100 years of stewardship at Monument Mountain. Enjoy cocktails on the terrace, dinner on the lawn, and dancing to Jazz and Blues music. A Silent Auction will be held offering artwork and incredible getaways. Call for more information.

SUN, JULY 25 - 1 to 3 P.M.

Chesterfield Gorge Discovery Day for Kids

Chesterfield Gorge, Chesterfield 413/684-0148

Bring the kids for an afternoon of exploring the Westfield River. We'll see what's swimming, clinging, and growing in and out of the water. Come prepared to *get wet!* Meet at the Gorge parking lot. Members and children (6-12): FREE. Non-members: adult \$3.

Summer Events at Bartholomew's Cobble

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600

The following events take place at Bartholomew's Cobble. Please call for more information and program registration.

SATURDAYS, JUNE through AUGUST - 9 A.M.

The History of the Housatonic River by Canoe

Join us for a canoe exploration of this beautiful, old river's abundant wildlife and other natural wonders. No canoeing experience necessary. Bring drinks, snacks, and binoculars. Fee includes canoes and necessary equipment. Trips are limited to six canoes. Please pre-register. Members: adult \$15, child (10-16) \$10. Non-members: adult \$20, child (10-16) \$12.

SUNDAYS, JUNE through AUGUST - 7:30 A.M.

Birds of Southern Berkshire County

Visit different habitats found on or near the Cobble for an introduction to the fascinating world of birding. Members: FREE. Non-members: \$3.

CANOEING UPPER AND LOWER GOOSE POND

Sundays, June 6 & 27 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Sundays, July 4 & 25 4 to 8 P.M.

Sunday, August 1 7 to 11 A.M.

Sunday, August 29 4 to 8 P.M.

Goose Pond, Lee 413/229-8600

A naturalist will lead you past one of The Trustees' most remote reservations on Lower Goose Pond and on to the pristine Upper Goose Pond area, where you may observe ravens, eagles, herons,

and a variety of wildlife. Bring a snack. Some canoeing experience is necessary. Meet at the boat ramp on Lower Goose Pond. Please pre-register. Canoes and necessary equipment provided. Members: adult \$20, child (10-16) \$12. Non-members: adult \$30, child (10-16) \$15.

The following events are limited to 10 children. Pre-registration is recommended. Please wear long pants and footwear for wet conditions. Members: adult with child \$8. Non-members: adult with child \$10.

YOUNG NATURALISTS PROGRAM / Ages 9-12

SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT JUNE - 2 to 4 P.M.

June 6 - Amphibians and Reptiles

June 13 - Wildflowers and Ferns

June 20 - Birds June 27 - Trees

WEE NATURALISTS PROGRAM / Ages 6-8

SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT JULY - 10 to Noon

July 4 - Life in the Forest / Mammals and Birds

July 11 - Life in the Fields / Insects

July 18 - Plants July 25 - Life in a Small Stream

YOUNG EXPLORERS PROGRAM / Ages 13-16

SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT AUGUST

The following events are limited to 10 children.

Pre-registration is recommended. Sorry, no adults allowed!

August 8 - Canoeing the Housatonic River

9 A.M. to NOON. No canoeing experience necessary. Bring a snack, drink, and binoculars. Fee includes canoe and all equipment. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20.

August 15 - Canoeing Upper and Lower Goose Pond

9 A.M. to 1 P.M. We will begin our paddle at Lower Goose Pond and continue on to the pristine area of Upper Goose Pond. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25.

August 22 - The World of Birds

8 to 11 A.M. Learn bird identification, bird ecology, field guide use, and optics from our naturalist. Bring binoculars. Members: \$6. Non-members: \$8.

August 29 - The World of Plants

1 to 4 P.M. We will use field guides to identify all types of plants. Learn about the varied ecology of plants, including their unique ways of survival and dispersal. Members: \$6. Non-members: \$8.

FRI, AUG 20 - 7 to 9:30 P.M.

SAT, AUG 21 - 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Nature Photography Field School

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Interpretive naturalist and nature photographer, John Green, will conduct this two-day workshop. On Friday night, John presents the basics of 35mm photography with a slide lecture, and, on Saturday, your newly-acquired skills will be practiced out in the field. Bring a 35mm SLR camera, lunch, and a tripod if possible. Members: \$60. Non-members: \$75. Please register.

Coming this Fall...

OCTOBER 22 through OCTOBER 26

Following the Birds South:

Exploring the Mid-Atlantic Coast

Visit some of the finest birding areas on the east coast, including the New Jersey Coast, Delaware Bay area, Assateague Island National Seashore, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia, and the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay. For more information, call Don Reid at 413/229-8600. Space is limited.

PRIVATE GATHERINGS

Special Places for Special Occasions

Looking for a unique place to hold a wedding or private event? You may be unaware that The Trustees offers private rentals at several of our historic houses: Castle Hill in Ipswich, Long Hill in Beverly, and (coming soon!) the Eleanor Cabot Bradley Reservation in Canton. Revenue generated from these rentals directly pays for the increasing costs of managing and preserving these important historic sites.

Castle Hill, Ipswich

A National Historic Landmark, Castle Hill is the focal point of the 2,100-acre country seaside estate created by the Crane family in the early part of the century. The 59-room Stuart-style mansion called The Great House was completed in 1927 and rests high atop Castle Hill, commanding panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean,



The sweeping Grand Allee at Castle Hill provides a fabulous backdrop for functions of all kinds.

Crane Beach, Cape Ann, and Plum Island. The designed landscape is most notable for its long, undulating, spruce-lined lawn called the Grand Allee which dramatically sweeps from the terrace of the Great House down to the sea. The main rooms on the ground floor of The Great House are rented for weddings April to November and for corporate functions and other private events year-round. Call for weekday and weekend rates. Overnight accommodation will be available from summer 2000 at *The Inn at Castle Hill* (see cover story of Winter 1999 issue of *Special Places*);

reservations will be taken beginning Winter 2000. **For further information, call Castle Hill at 978/356-4351 and ask to speak with a function manager.**

Long Hill, Beverly

Long Hill was the summer home of noted author and *Atlantic Monthly* editor, Ellery Sedgwick, and his family. The antebellum-style house was built in 1921 as a reproduction of the 1802 Isaac Ball House in Charleston, South Carolina. Mabel Cabot Sedgwick laid out the original gardens and, after her death in 1937, Mr. Sedgwick's second wife, the former Marjorie Russell, further developed the gardens which now contain over 400 species



The Sedgwick Gardens at Long Hill provide a beautiful setting for weddings.

of trees, shrubs, bulbs, and perennials. Weddings can be held April to October with corporate functions and other private events year-round. Call for weekday and weekend rates. **For further information, call Tricia Schott at 978/412-2571 or email her at tschott@ttor.org.**



Hula hoops aren't just for kids! A Steep Hill Beach corporate function in full swing.

Steep Hill Beach, Ipswich

Steep Hill Beach comprises the western-most end of four mile-long Crane Beach and rests at the foot of Steep Hill, the last of three hills forming the coastal drumlin known as Castle Hill. Above Steep Hill Beach is a grassy plateau consisting of four lawn areas. Steep Hill Beach is accessed from this

plateau via a short boardwalk over sand dunes. Corporate outings and clambakes are offered May to September for up to 100 people per lawn area. Call for rates. **For further information, call the Steep Hill Beach function manager at 978/356-4351.**

The Eleanor Cabot Bradley Reservation, Canton

The Eleanor Cabot Bradley Reservation is part of Dr. Samuel Cabot's late 19th century gentleman's estate called Cherry Hill Farm. The Georgian-style house was designed by noted architect



The main house at the Eleanor Cabot Bradley Reservation is currently being renovated as a functions facility.

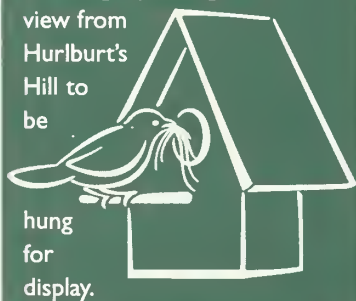
Charles Platt and built in 1902. The immediate grounds include a formal garden, walled vegetable garden, orchard, greenhouse, and sunken camellia house. Lawns, fields, and woodlands surround the house and offer expansive views of the Neponset River Valley and Blue Hills. Weddings, corporate functions, and private events will be held in the main house beginning Fall 1999. Further announcements will be made in this newsletter as house renovations are completed and rental facilities and rates are determined.

WISH LIST: To provide a gracious ambiance for the Eleanor Cabot Bradley House and *The Inn at Castle Hill*, we are in need of a number of furnishings beyond those which we will be able to purchase. If you have antiques which you would like to donate for this purpose, The Trustees would be extremely grateful. Our wish list includes living room chairs, sofas, breakfast room chairs, and bedroom bureaus as well as wicker furniture, fireplace andirons, paintings, and ceramics. Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. If you can help, please call Historic Resources Manager Susan Edwards at 978/412-2560 or email her at history@ttor.org

NOTEWORTHY

Kind Gifts Come to Bartholomew's Cobble

We would like to thank volunteers John Downie and Dick Rawling who, together, built 80 bluebird nesting boxes and 30 bat houses which will be sold at the Bartholomew's Cobble Visitor's Center. All proceeds support the ongoing management of the reservation. We also extend a special thank you to Lainey Alexander for donating an extensive collection of ornithological books for visitors to reference and to artist Margot Trout for donating a painting of the view from Hurlburt's Hill to be



New Director of Finance & Administration, John McCrae.

Interpretive Trails Open at Mytoi Garden and Wasque

Groups of high school students from both Edgartown and Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard have developed interpretive trails for Mytoi and Wasque, respectively. The Edgartown students created a new interpretive trail through mixed oak and pitch pine forest adjacent to Mytoi and passing near a salt marsh at Poucha Pond on Cape Poge. Students from Oak Bluffs focused on interpreting an existing section of trail at Wasque overlooking Swan Pond. For both projects, interpretive signs developed by the students were based on a common theme which interprets how plants and animals—and the changing habitats in which they live—have been influenced over many years by human activities and natural phenomena.

New Director of Finance and Administration

We extend a very warm welcome to John McCrae, our new Director of Finance & Administration. John comes to The Trustees from the Wang Center in Boston where he served as Director of Finance. At the same time, we extend our very best wishes for a happy retirement to John Coleman whose strong management of the organization's finances and administrative functions over the last 11 years has helped The Trustees to become the healthy and vibrant organization that it is today.



Poucha Pond, Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge.

Save the date — November 6, 1999 — for CONSERVATION WORKS!

This will be The Trustees' first ever statewide volunteer work day. Group volunteer work projects of all kinds will take place at 18 reservations across the state. Stay tuned for further details!



Trustees Launch Leadership Program for Young Conservationists

This month, we are delighted to announce the launch of a special membership program designed to increase awareness of and support for The Trustees of Reservations among young adults committed to conserving the best of the Massachusetts landscape. Members of the new *Conservation Council* will become closely involved in the work of The Trustees and help further our mission as both future leaders and major financial supporters. "We both



The Steering Committee of the Conservation Council. L-R: Peter Creighton, Chris Begg (Co-Chair), Lynn Begg, Ashley Scott, Sarah Hunt, John Loughnane (Co-Chair)

wanted to learn more about the various reservations and give of our time to advance the organization's land conservation goals," explain Co-Chair Chris Begg and his wife, Lynn, "The potential of the Conservation Council is enormous." If you are aged 21-45 and seek leadership, educational, and recreational opportunities with The Trustees, consider becoming a member of the *Conservation Council*. A series of special events is planned for 1999 including a tour of historic Appleton Farms, a kayak trip to the Crane Wildlife Refuge, an edible wild plant and mushroom walk at Rocky Woods, and a holiday reception in The Great House at Castle Hill. **For a brochure describing this new program or to inquire about becoming a member, please call 978/524-1880.**



The Old Manse Featured in New Literary Trail by Trolley

The Old Manse in Concord is one of more than ten historic sites toured as part of the new Boston-Cambridge-Concord Literary Trail of Greater Boston, a creative initiative spear-headed by The History Collaborative. Half-day literary trail tours by trolley are offered on Saturdays and Sundays each March. Reservations are required. **For further information, call The History Collaborative at 617/574-5950 or visit their web site at www.lit-trail.org.**

Great Opportunity for Watercolor Artist!



We are searching for a skilled watercolorist to conduct on-site observations and use recent aerial photographs to paint detailed "bird's eye views" of several of our historic house properties, including The Crane Estate in Ipswich and the Eleanor Cabot Bradley Reservation in Canton. These works will be used to produce full-color visitor guides, brochures, and other promotional publications. This is a special opportunity to use art to promote the cause of land conservation and historic preservation! **If you or someone you know would be interested, call Michael Triff at 978/412-2573 or email him at cmdept@ttor.org.**

Year 2000 Nature Calendar of The North Shore

Accomplished nature photographers, Ed and Dorothy Monnelly, have teamed up with the Essex County Greenbelt Association, the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and The Trustees of Reservations to produce a full color special calendar for the Year 2000 which captures the beauty of the natural areas of the North Shore. All proceeds from the sale of these calendars will benefit the ongoing conservation work of the three sponsoring organizations. Look for details and mail order information in our summer issue of *Special Places*. Photo: The Great Marsh, Ipswich & Essex



Outdoor Explorations Visits the Crane Wildlife Refuge

Outdoor Explorations is a Medford-based nonprofit organization formed in 1990 to give individuals with cognitive, sensory, and physical disabilities the opportunity to enjoy

and become stewards of our natural environment. The organization plans adventure trips and community service projects with organizations like The Trustees. With assistance from our staff, O.E. will again bring a small group to go kayaking around the Crane Wildlife Refuge in Essex. "It is really inspiring when organizations such as ours can work

Needed: Volunteer Curator for Photographic Library and Archives.

The Communications & Marketing Department is seeking a qualified, experienced individual to volunteer part-time as the curator of our growing photographic library, publications archive, and interpretation resources. **If you or someone you know would be interested in applying, call Michael Triff at 978/412-2573 or email him at cmdept@ttor.org for a brief volunteer job description.**



together to help people of all abilities enjoy and learn about the natural world," writes Jim Gosselin, Adventure Coordinator for O.E. **If you know of a group with special needs that would like to visit a Trustees property, call 978/921-1944.**

Landmark Volunteers Team-Up Again with The Trustees

For the third year in a row, the Landmark Volunteers, a Sheffield-based nonprofit summer service organization, is coordinating a series of group volunteer projects with The Trustees. High school students from all over the region will spend two weeks in July working alongside Trustees staff to complete important, hands-on conservation projects at three reservations: Appleton Farms in Ipswich, Menemsha Hills on Martha's Vineyard, and World's End in Hingham. These three projects are among fifty others held at cultural, social, environmental, and historical institutions across the country. Our staff look forward to making the experience of Landmark Volunteers enjoyable and rewarding, and we continue to be grateful for the tremendous help they lend us each year!



CAMPING

Trustees to Manage Campground on Tully Lake in Royalston

This season, The Trustees will reopen a primitive campground on the 200-acre Tully Lake in Royalston. The campground, closed since 1992, sits at the northern edge of Tully Lake and consists of 24 walk-in tent sites. It has rest rooms, hot showers, and a central parking area. Trustees rangers will assist a host couple in managing the campground, while an interpretive naturalist will offer educational and recreational programs focusing on the natural resources of the lake and its surrounding area.



A peaceful setting to pitch a tent on Tully Lake.

Tully Lake was created in 1947 when the Army Corps of Engineers, in response to flood damage caused by the 1938 hurricane, constructed a flood control dam on the East Branch of the Tully River. While most of Tully Lake is undeveloped and can best be enjoyed by hiking old cart roads or a trail loop that encircles the lake, a boat ramp on Doane Hill Road

allows fishermen, canoeists, and kayakers to explore the Lake's many pine-clad islands and coves and travel just upstream to Long Pond and Spirit Falls.

Within walking distance are Doane's Falls and Jacobs Hill Reservations, two properties of The Trustees, plus Tully Mountain. Only a short drive away are Royalston Falls and Bear's Den, two other properties of The Trustees which offer peaceful waterfalls that have charmed visitors for generations. A bit further afield are Mt. Grace, Mt. Monadnock, Harvard



View of Tully Lake and Long Pond from Jacob's Hill in Royalston.

Forest Museum, and the Quabbin Reservoir Visitor Center. The area also features several state forests, parks, and wildlife management areas plus private and municipally-owned public conservation land. Lots to see and do!

Working with the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership, The Trustees is helping to create a 17-mile Tully Loop Trail that will connect many of the areas listed here.

As the trailhead, the Tully Lake Campground offers hikers a safe, convenient, and central location to enjoy the area.

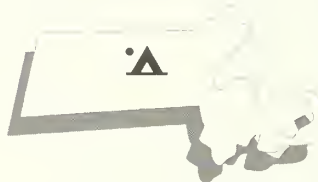
The Tully Lake Campground will open Memorial Day to

Labor Day. From Route 2, take Route 32 north to the intersection with Doane Hill Road.

Turn right and proceed 8/10 mile to campground entrance on right. Consult your Property

Guide for travel directions to Trustees properties in the area.

For fees and information, contact our Central Regional Office at 978/840-4446 or email us at central@ttor.org.



A Special Thank You for Recent Memorial & Honorary Gifts

Memorial Gifts are a great way to remember a loved one, especially upon the anniversary of his/her passing. We are deeply honored and grateful to have recently received gifts memorializing the following individuals:

Gardner A. Adams • Stephen D. Anderson
Deborah S. Barbaro • Joan Humphrey Barker
Andrew J. Bernardy, Jr. • Cyril O. Black
Walker B. Comegys • Camilla C. Coolidge
Phoebe Adams Ellis • Jean R. England
George R. Haddad • Susan H. Hajjar
Almon H. Huff • Storer P. Humphreys
Hugh E. Jones • Mr. and Mrs. George Kendrick
Donald Miles • Anne Parson
Alexander K. Severy
Nancy Taron • Jay Waldron

An Honorary Gift is a great way to recognize a special friend, colleague, family member, or mentor who enjoys the outdoors and historic sites. We would like to thank those who made gifts to honor the following individuals:

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bleicher • John Connolly
Judith H. Cook • Betsey Horovitz
Mrs. Timothy Kannally • Mr. and Mrs. F. Shan McAdoo
Donna Merullo-White • Mr. and Mrs. William Osborn
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Pollock • Becky Siebens
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Snyder
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Walker • Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Wells
Sarah B. Young

Both memorial and honorary gifts are tax-deductible and can be designated for use at a favorite reservation or for a conservation or preservation program of your choice.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 2 – 7 P.M. ✱

The Castle Hill Ball

The Great House, Castle Hill, Ipswich 978/356-4351

An enchanted evening is planned at The Great House at Castle Hill to celebrate both the 50th anniversary of Florence H. Crane's bequest of Castle Hill to The Trustees and Castle Hill's recent designation as a National Historic Landmark. Enjoy the majestic views from the terrace of The Great House with cocktails and a sumptuous seafood raw bar. Sit down to a formal, full-course dinner with champagne and candlelight, catered by Celebrations. After dinner, dance to the music of The Bob Hardwick Orchestra, participate in a one-of-a-kind silent auction, stroll down The Grand Allee to tour the Casino Restoration Project, and enjoy a fireworks finale. Individual tickets: \$150. Inquire about table prices and becoming a patron, sponsor, or benefactor. Proceeds benefit on-going restoration projects at Castle Hill. *Seating is limited. Please call early to make your reservations.* ✱

Bryant Homestead



Cummington, Massachusetts

SATURDAY, JULY 17

SUNDAY, JULY 18

10 A.M. to 5 P.M. RAIN OR SHINE

Bryant Homestead

Craft Festival

Bryant Homestead,

Cummington

413/634-2244

See over 130 artisans on the lawns of the historic Bryant Homestead with music, food, petting zoo, pony rides, Victorian costumes, and tea on the veranda. This year, we've added more bands, a period dance troupe, classic automobiles, and hot air balloon demonstrations. Admission: adult \$4, children under 12 free. The Homestead is just a short 20-minute drive from Northampton or Pittsfield.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – 7:30 P.M.

50th Anniversary Keynote Lecture:

Charles Eliot: Grand Tourist, Historian, Preservationist

The Great House, Castle Hill, Ipswich 978/356-4351

While well-known for his contributions to land conservation and role in forming The Trustees and the Metropolitan Park System, Charles Eliot was equally influential in the fields of landscape history and historic preservation. This lecture by B.U. Professor, Keith Morgan, focuses on Eliot's work as a landscape historian and preservationist. The occasion celebrates the reprinting of the 1902 biography, *Charles Eliot: Landscape Architect*, for which Keith Morgan has written an Introduction. A reception and book signing, co-hosted with The Library of American Landscape History and The Institute for Cultural Landscape Studies of The Arnold Arboretum, will follow the lecture. Members: \$8. Non-members: \$10. Full-time students: \$5.



Charles Eliot

Special Offer for Advance Reservations Only: Reserve your copy of *Charles Eliot: Landscape Architect* at the \$49.95 cover price and attend the lecture for free. Reserved books will be presented at the lecture for signing. Call for reservations. Seating is limited.



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Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge, Nantucket Island

From May through October, The Trustees runs fun, educational natural history tours of Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge on Nantucket Island. These oversand vehicle tours offer visitors a truly unique way to experience the natural wonders of the Refuge's remarkable coastal landscape.

For many, the highlight of the tour is a climb to the top of Great Point Lighthouse for spectacular panoramic views of Nantucket's longest barrier beach. From the lookout, one can feel the awesome power of the sea and learn about the history of the lighthouse and the lives of its keepers.

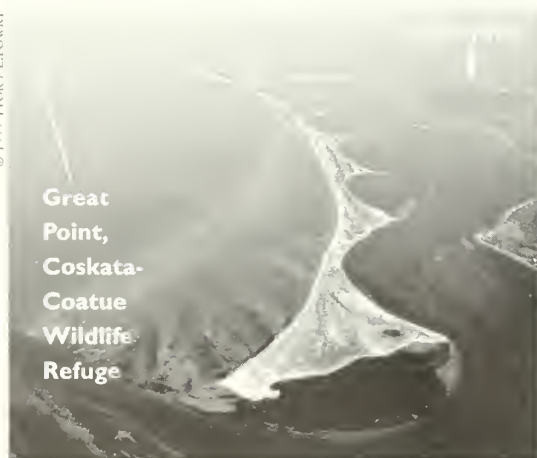
During the tour, naturalist guides describe the climatic and oceanic forces which formed Nantucket and its extensive, yet fragile and changing, barrier beaches. They also point out unusual wildflowers and shrubs that thrive in the Refuge's shifting sand dunes. Colorful American

oystercatchers, egrets, ospreys, and flocks of terns, can be observed, as well as the rare Piping Plover and, sometimes, even seals!

Tour vehicles depart from the Wauwinet Inn parking lot located just south of the gatehouse to the Refuge. Tours leave twice daily, Mon-Fri, at 9:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. and last for 3 hours.

Prices: Trustees members: adult \$27, child (15 and under) \$15. Non-Members adult: \$30, child (15 and under) \$15. Reservations are required, as seating is limited. Call 508/228-6799, Mon-Fri, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Pre-booked charter tours are also available throughout the year. ☎

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Great Point Lighthouse at Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge.

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